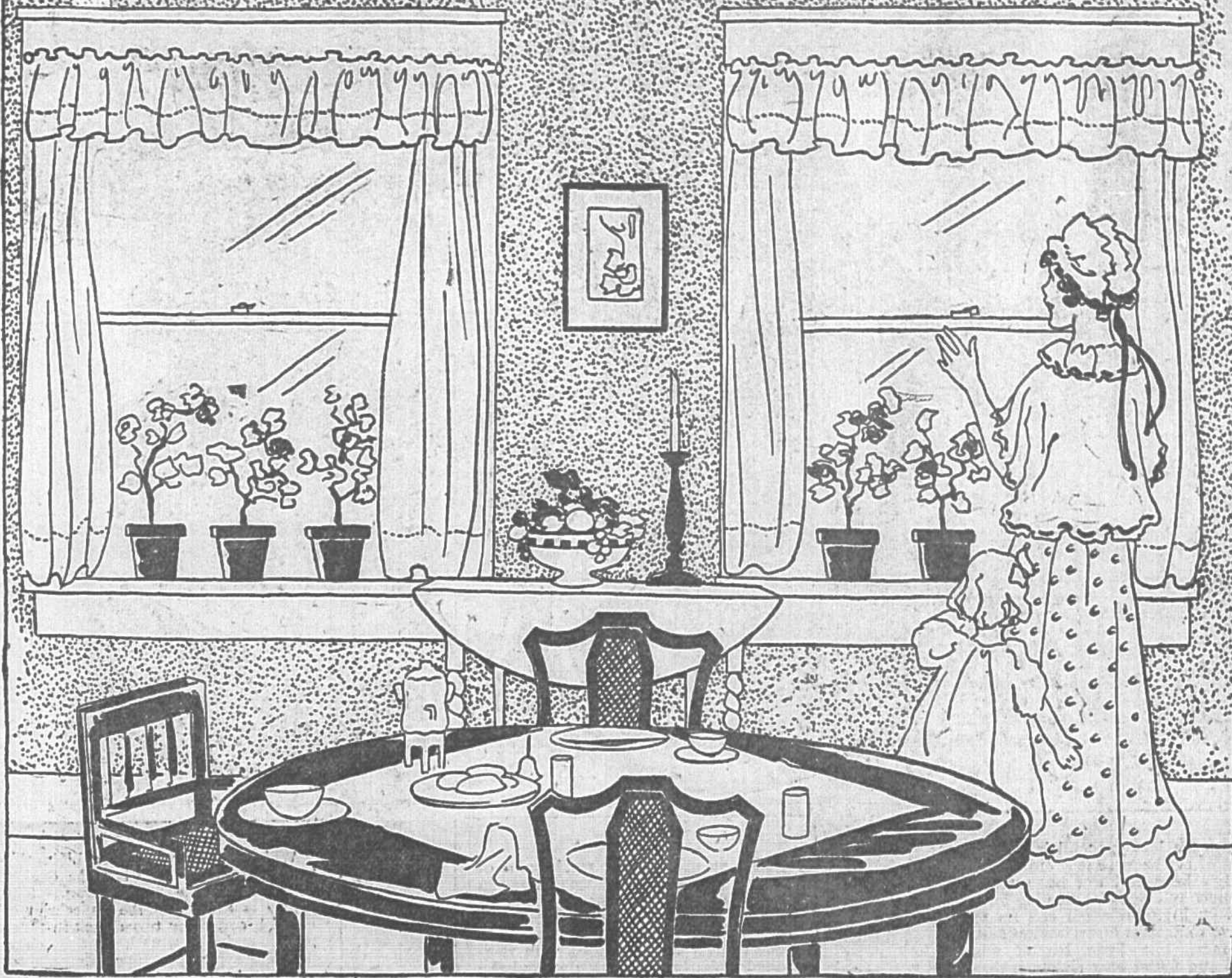


THE HOME



Home Furnishing Suggestions for Spring. Stores Show Attractive Draperies and Rugs.

Do your home-furnishing shopping early this spring, for although stores are showing more beautiful home-furnishings than ever and in greater variety of designs, there is no telling what a few months will bring forth. All sorts of overdraperies and even lace curtains are affected by the great war. Everybody knows that American manufacturers imported most of their dyes from Germany and most of their fine warp yarns from England before the war began. Everybody knows, too, that such importations have long since stopped. A real dye famine now threatens, which will affect not only home-furnishings but personal merchandise as well. So the early shopper is likely to get the best selection.

FASHION REQUIRES LACE AT THE WINDOW

You will want to be sure to have lace at your windows this spring. That is the demand of modern home-furnishing fashions. The best decorators have discovered that lace at the window is like a veil over a lady's face, it really adds to the beauty.

The stores are showing many real novelties in lace curtains at wonderfully attractive prices. It seems as though no matter how much or how little a housewife cares to spend she is sure to find dainty and delicate patterns of lace for windows, either in pair goods or by the yard.

For overdraperies the American mills have produced the most delicate as well as beautiful cretonnes, madrases and other lightweight materials that hang well and look well. The interest in overdraperies has so increased in the past few years that now there is talk of your being able in the near future to get paper patterns for valances for doors and windows just as at present you are able to get paper patterns for waists and skirts.

SUMMER FLOOR COVERINGS

The profusion of summer floor coverings is greater every year. The stores are showing splendid assortments of grass, rag and fiber rugs. There are several novelties in weave and pattern of grass rugs that increase the value of this popular floor-covering both for indoor and outdoor

summer use. As for rag rugs, the designs of these seem to get more attractive every year.

WASHABLE FIBER RUGS

You will want also to look carefully at fiber rugs. Big changes have been made in this line of merchandise in the last few years. On many fiber rugs you will find tags stating that they are waterproof and can be washed when soiled. Few housewives realize the true import of this tag. The waterproofing is not merely intended as a protection against dampness when the rug is used for outdoor purposes nor as a means of making it possible to clean the rugs when they become soiled. It serves what we consider a very much more important purpose, for the waterproofing means that the rugs resist soiling.

THE VALUE OF WATER-PROOFING

When fiber rugs were introduced some years ago they were made in such attractive patterns that they sold freely. Then it was discovered that the objection to this type of rug lay in its soiling too readily. The retailers and manufacturers bothered their brains as to find a means of

overcoming this objection. The waterproofing idea was introduced on the theory of making the rugs washable, but has since proved to serve a more important purpose, that of making the rugs resist dirt.

In the meantime the patterns of these rugs have been steadily improved so that stores are now showing a most attractive assortment of this type of merchandise for porches, bedrooms, libraries, and in fact, a host of other summer uses.

CARPET MORE FASHIONABLE

Just a suggestion about carpets: Whether you are going to buy a new rug or not this spring, keep in mind the fact that the very best decorators are carpeting rooms to the baseboard. As a rule such carpets are in two-toned effects with small figures, and they are laid straight to the baseboard without borders.

This is a very important development in view of the fact that rugs have had the call for so many years. We do not suggest by any means that the use of rugs is going out of style, but that where conditions are favorable, there is a much larger use of carpets than has been the case for many years past. Just remember this fact when you are doing your spring home-furnishing shopping.

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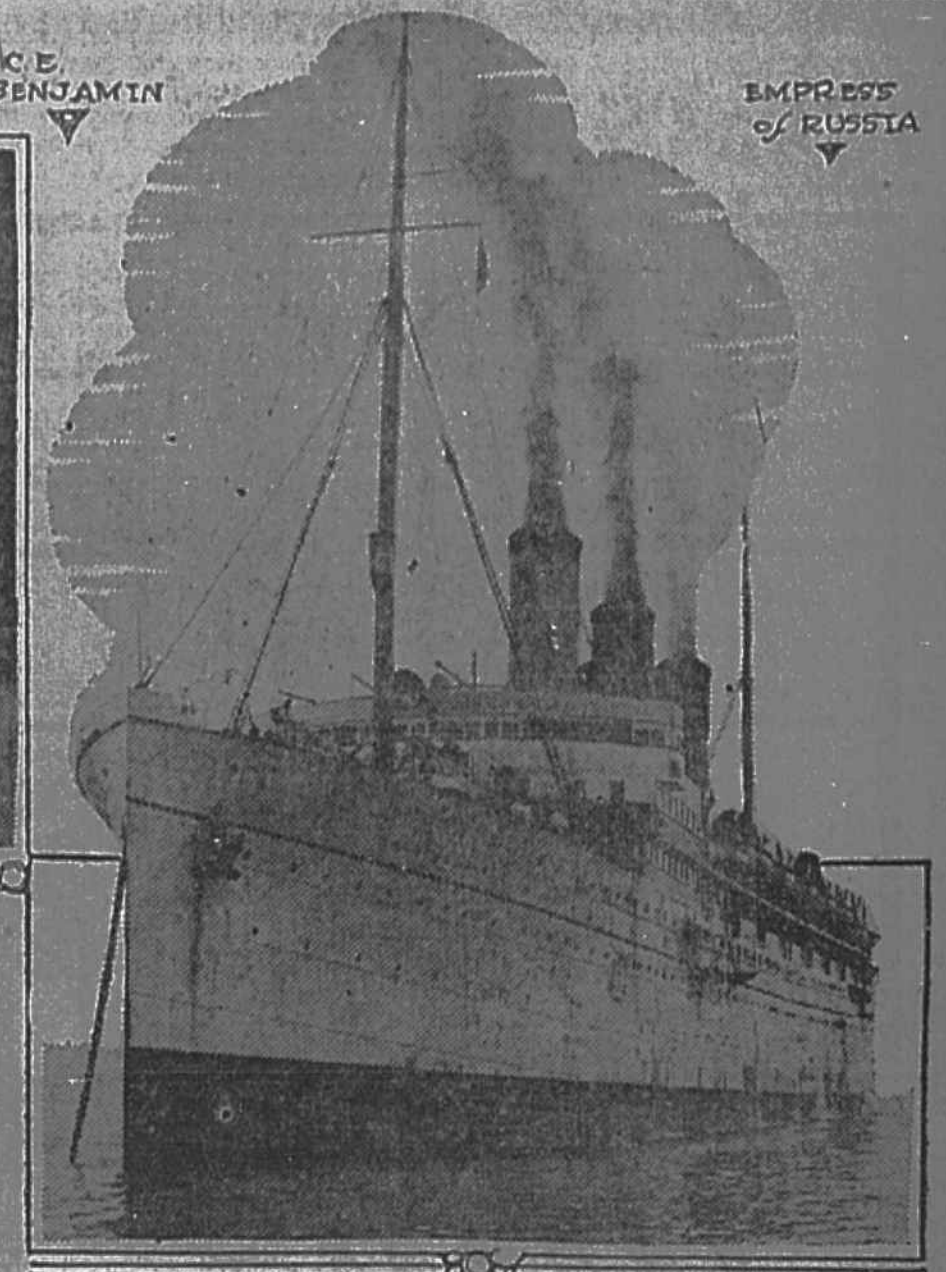
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imperial splendor of marble palaces make it one of the sights of the world. While Europe is practically closed to the tourist, the Orient is open, and the Orientals, principally the Japanese, are taking full advantage to put Peking and other cities of China, Korea and Japan on the line for tourist travel to the flower festivals and fairlike scenery of the Far East. The Empresses, until recently released by the British Admiralty, were used to good advantage as fast auxiliary cruisers and commerce destroyers, having four 6-inch guns and six 4.7-inch guns mounted fore and aft and manned by Royal Naval Reserve men. They have a sea-going speed of 20 knots and are the fastest liners on the Pacific. Vancouver, British Columbia, is their western port.

court, which is filled in this state by popular election.

MANY FREE MEALS.

LIVERPOOL, March 29.—As an evidence of the prosperity of Liverpool, it is announced that the free meals given to poor children in elementary schools, now average less than 4,500 a week, as compared with 25,800 a year ago.

NATIONAL DEFENSE TALKED.

PETROGRAD, March 29.—More than 1,000 members of organizations generally known as military industrial committees have assembled here from all parts of the Russian empire to discuss what still needs to be done to turn to account all the resources of the country for the purpose of national defense.

Louis XIV. drank the first cup of coffee made in France. Coffee was then worth about \$29 a pound.

Will Try to Abolish Office if He Gets It

Platform of Alabama Man Who Seeks Re-election to Post of County Clerk.

BIRMINGHAM, March 29.—Dr. John S. Gillespie, who was court clerk in this county for twenty years, is out as candidate for county treasurer, announcing as the chief plank in his platform conviction of the uselessness of the office and declaring his purpose to do everything in his power for its abolishment. It is the first time in the history of the county, so far as known here, that a candidate for public office has run on a platform to abolish it. Mrs. Floribel Brown Ohme, one of the best known educators in the state, is a candidate for membership on the

Jefferson county board of education. She is the first woman in the South, so far as known here, to become a candidate for an elective public office. Women cannot vote in this state; she is relying on the men to elect her, and her prospects for success are generally regarded as highly favorable.

James A. Mitchell, a prominent lawyer of Birmingham, recently published an article severely criticizing the state supreme court for its ruling on a case he had conducted before that tribunal, and strongly intimated that the court was unduly influenced. For this he was cited to appear before the court and show why his license to practice before it should not be cancelled. He answered this summons by announcing himself a candidate for chief justice of the supreme

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